

A second generation on the plains of Moab is taught to remember its God, love Him with everything, and order its worship, government, and households by the covenant cut at Sinai.

MACRO POSITION

The Restoration renewal stage of the Pentateuch. The camp is no longer at Sinai and not yet across the Jordan; it is at Moab, on the threshold, with Moses speaking his last words. This Panorama covers Moses's two opening sermons — the historical rehearsal of chapters 1–4 and the central code of chapters 5–17 — preached to a generation that did not see the Red Sea but will see the Jordan. The Decalogue is restated, the Shema is given, the conquest is theologically prepared, and worship is centralized at the place the LORD will choose. The block ends with the law of the king.

COLOR-CODED OUTLINE BAR

Read left to right as the section unfolds

Deut 1-3 Forty Years Recalled	Deut 4 Keep & Teach	Deut 5 Decalogue Restated	Deut 6 Shema	Deut 7-9 Chosen by Love	Deut 10-11 Circumcise the Heart	Deut 12 One Chosen Place	Deut 13-14 Purity & Tithe	Deut 15-16 Release & Feasts	Deut 17 Law of the King
STONE	OLIVE	NAVY	GOLD	OLIVE	CRIMSON	NAVY	WHITE	SLATE	GOLD

STRUCTURAL FLOW

How the section moves

- Forty years rehearsed; Kadesh, the spies, the long defeat (1:1 – 3:29)
- Keep the statutes, teach the children (4:1–49)
- The Decalogue restated to the second generation (5:1–33)
- The Shema — “Hear, O Israel... love the LORD thy God” (6:1–25)
- Chosen by love, not size; conquest theology (7:1 – 11:32)
- The place the LORD shall choose; centralized worship (12:1 – 16:17)
- Judges, witnesses, the law of the king (16:18 – 17:20)

THEMATIC SHIFTS

Where the text changes mode

Wilderness to Moab

Numbers ended in motion; Deuteronomy opens with a settled camp ready to remember before it moves.

Statute to Love

Chapter 6 turns law from obligation to affection: “thou shalt love” precedes “thou shalt teach.”

Many Altars to One Place

Chapter 12 ends the high-place pluralism of the patriarchs; worship will be ordered where the LORD chooses.

Charisma to Constitution

Chapter 17 limits the future king under Torah; covenant authority is constitutional, not absolute.

LITERARY DIVISIONS

UNIT	GENRE	MARKER
1:1 – 4:49	Historical prologue	First sermon
5:1 – 11:32	The great commandment	Second sermon, part 1
12:1 – 16:17	Centralized worship	Second sermon, part 2
16:18 – 17:20	Offices and the king	Constitutional code

CFADD MINISTRY LAYER

Doctrine · Family · Kingdom · Culture · Prayer · Rebuilder

DOCTRINE IN THE TEXT

Election is rooted in love, not merit: “the LORD did not set his love upon you... because ye were more in number... but because the LORD loved you” (7:7–8).

FAMILY PRINCIPLE

The Shema commands a household catechesis — sitting, walking, lying down, rising — that turns ordinary hours into formation hours.

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE

Kingdom authority is bounded by Scripture; the king writes his own copy of the Torah and reads in it all his days (17:18–20).

CULTURAL APPLICATION

Where worship is not centralized in the LORD's chosen place, every hill becomes a god and every household a denomination of one.

PRAYER DECLARATION

“Lord, write the Shema on the doorposts of my household; teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, and strength before You teach us to fight.”

REBUILDER'S CHARGE

Rehearse before you advance; the next generation crosses the Jordan only on the testimony the previous generation has already taught them.

CHRISTWARD TRAJECTORY

The Shema of 6:4–5 is the very text Jesus names as the great commandment (Mark 12:29–30); His three answers in the wilderness temptation are all from this block — “man shall not live by bread alone” (8:3 // Matt 4:4), “thou shalt worship the Lord thy God” (6:13 // Matt 4:10), and “ye shall not tempt” (6:16 // Matt 4:7). Moses's one chosen place (ch. 12) is fulfilled in the Son who tabernacles among us (John 1:14) and in worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:21–24). The law of the king (17:14–20) finds its final answer in the King who is the Word He reads (Heb 10:7).

LEGEND

■ Covenant	■ Kingdom / Dominion	■ Christ / Redemption	■ Family / Household	■ Place / Land
■ Time / Generation	■ Consequence	■ Conflict / Warfare	■ Prayer / Worship	■ Providence